

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A bobbin case assembly having a wall structure mountable upon a support, a bobbin for a supply of thread, and a tensioning element for engaging thread projecting from a supply of thread on the bobbin. The tensioning element has a length and a circumferential surface against which thread can be wrapped so that a frictional resistance force can be generated between the thread and circumferential surface that resists drawing of thread off of the supply. The tensioning element has a configuration that is capable of supporting a controlled wave pattern of thread wrapped against the circumferential surface.